



Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

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Calendar of Club Rides and Events:

Dedicated to trail riding and the preservation of the many riding areas in Central Florida.

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- **Saturday, October 30, 8:30am:** Club ride at Catfish Creek. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Saturday, November 6, 9am:** Veterans Day mounted scavenger hunt at Colt Creek
- **Tuesday, November 9, 9am:** Work party at Green Swamp West at the Ashley campground
- **Saturday, November 13, 9:00am:** Club ride at Gator Creek
- **Saturday, November 20, 9:00am:** Club ride & meeting at the **Hampton Tract, Rock Ridge Rd.**
- **Monday, November 22 through Sunday, November 28:** Club campout at Green Swamp West. Daily rides
- **Sunday, December 12, 5pm:** Club Christmas party at Mary Futch's home

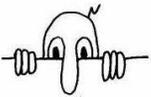
Take time after each ride to relax—bring your lunch or snacks, and share some quality time with club members.

Those wanting to ride other days—please contact Karen Turbeville, or email club members directly. Many riders have been joining in on the various weekday rides.

Check the **“Upcoming Events”** section of our web page at <https://floridasporthorseclub.com/>, or the **“Events”** section of the Florida Sport Horse Club's Facebook page.

News

Most of the membership has already **renewed** for the next club year, which starts every August. We hope you'll renew too if you haven't already—the membership form is at the end of the newsletter.



Colt Creek Scavenger Hunt Info

This is a long read but has all the info you should need if you're planning on coming out to the November 6th Scavenger Hunt at Colt Creek.

- Volunteers will get **free entry** to the park (tell the person at the office); those coming early to work Registration will be given the gate code to get in before 8am.
- **Please wear your club shirts**
- Bring a **chair** and **drink** for yourself
- Those **coming without horses must park** in the equestrian expansion, up against the woods separating the main campground from the expansion
- **Breakfast treats** will be provided for those who come early (no drinks, though)
- All volunteers are asked to **sign the volunteer sheet** at the Registration table
- Please **get your instructions from the club member responsible** for the job you're working, rather than others, to eliminate miscommunication and errors
- **Safety vests** will be available for parking people and trail ambassadors
- Those who are willing to **work but also want to ride**—come early, work the Registration table until 9:30-ish, and then hit the trail. Please be sure you also sign a release before taking the trail map and instructions
- **Registration people: PLEASE be IN THE CAMPGROUND by 8am!**

Areas of Responsibility: (Please DO NOT recruit others to help you in your area; let the leaders do their jobs. Instead, refer those others to the appropriate leader)

- **Parking:** Del
- **Registration:** Susan and Barbara L.
- **Prizes:** Patty
- **Grilling:** Sammie
- **Food:** Karen
- **Photographer:** Molly
- **Trail Ambassadors:** Penny and Melody
- **Clean-up:** Janet

The week's timeline:

- **Wednesday, November 3:** Horseback trail party to place some of the Kilroys in the trees and off-trail (currently Janet, Barbara L., Melody, Myra)
- **Friday, November 5:** Using a truck or ATV, place trail markers & signs out along trail (Janet, Barbara L, Karen, park volunteer driver)
- **Saturday, November 6:** Scavenger hunt. Some members are camping; Janet plans to be in the park by 7am. Riders must turn in their results by noon, with results announced by 12:30.
- **Sunday, November 7:** Horseback trail party to collect the off-trail Kilroys
- **Monday, November 8:** Using a truck or ATV, pick up all trail markers and signs



2019 Scavenger Hunt Crew



Last month we featured 2 of our officers, Mike Charron (President) and Del Jones (Trail Boss). We don't want to leave our **Treasurer Susan Buchanon** out--treasurers have the job nobody wants and are the first to catch flack if the finances get messed up. We NEVER have to worry

about that with Susan! She also keeps track of our members and their needs, works behind the scenes to make things happen, and we have never run out of paper goods at our food events thanks to Susan. She's an outstanding rider, and we hear she makes a mean coq au vin on camping trips.

SWFWMD has asked for our help to clean up the **Green Swamp West Ashley campground**. Karen Turbeville has set up a workday for Tuesday, November 9, at 9am. All we need to do is pick up the dropped limbs and logs that the SWFWMD workers cut and move them into the brush.

The Thanksgiving camping trip at Green Swamp West is set, thanks to Karen Turbeville's perseverance. We are still on to camp at Green Swamp West Ashley Campground the week of Thanksgiving, arriving Monday, November 22 & leaving Sunday, November 28, 2021. Please let Barbara Lassiter or Karen Turbeville know if you would like to camp any of the days during that week. You can camp 1 night or all 6 nights. You can camp for a time, go home, & return any time during that week. **Make your plans to camp what days you can** and enjoy the Green Swamp daily rides. Triple B Riding Club & Cowboys for Christ will be joining us so **PLEASE only respond to one club for your RSVP.**

Mary Futch has very graciously offered to host the club for its **Sunday, December 12 Christmas party**. The club will provide the meats, and members are asked to bring a dish to share. Those wishing to participate can bring a nice door prize (value not less than \$15).



We had a great turnout for Colt Creek's grand opening of the equestrian pavilion. We were absolutely delighted to find our very own Donna Fellers highlighted on one side of the new kiosk, and the thanks to donors—including our club—on the other. It was exciting that **THREE** of our people were invited to speak, too, as we were the only "outsiders" to do so. Karen Turbeville



Donna Fellers grew up riding horses on her father's farm in Alberta, Canada. Throughout her life, Donna has become highly decorated, winning many trophies riding side saddle. Donna has been on many trail rides all over the country and is very active in many horse organizations. If you see Donna out enjoying the park, take the time to listen to some of her wonderful life experiences.



Karen Turbeville

acknowledged Maureen George for inspiring the project; Mike Charron talked about the equestrians' contributions to the park; and Janet Schneider invited others to volunteer at the park.



Mike Charron addresses the crowd



Janet Schneider

Are you interested in an **Obstacle Day** in January? Susan Buchanon knows Audra Tyson, who runs Tyson Colt Company in Fort McCoy, Florida. Audra has a beautiful piece of land just above Ocala, with lots and lots of obstacles. She would charge \$25 per horse, and another \$10 for those who wish to spend the night (it's about a 2 hour run up there). Warning: there MAY not be any bathroom facilities—we can check on that if there is any interest. If this appeals to you, please let Susan know.



The signs are up on the **Marshall Hampton Panther Point trail**. We are grateful that the Polk Parks staff are so responsive to our requests.

Del Jones is working to put a **“Fun Day”** together for us—barrels, pole bending, etc. It sounds like fun!

Do you follow our Facebook page or web page? All our events, news, and tips are listed there. You can even review our club!

Want a club shirt? Email AnnMarie Connor at nascaramc@yahoo.com.

If you see unfamiliar faces at our rides and events, please introduce yourself and invite them to club activities. People are welcome to join us a few times before they decide whether to become a member. Of course, anyone showing up regularly should be encouraged to officially join the club. **And remember—guests must sign a hold harmless that the trail bosses will provide. Please escort the guests to the trail boss of the day!**



Tips & Activities by Members:



Myra Bell is looking for a 2-horse LQ trailer as well as a used 18” Bob Marshall saddle. If you hear of either on the market, please let Myra know.



Classifieds:



Hand-crafted soaps from advanced certified soap maker Jane Gavin: essential oil soaps, and others. She now makes a Farriers’ soap, inspired by Wayne Elkins and Dani Horton. She also has an all-natural citronella soap that is excellent for horses. Check out her web site at <https://www.soapforthesoul.com/>.

Join the club! Meet some great people who love their horses. What are YOU doing? Let us know, and send us pictures--we’d love some action shots of you and your horse! Send to jm_schneider@msn.com. Follow us on Facebook and visit us online at <https://floridasporthorseclub.com/>. Happy Trails, where we hope to see you soon!



Florida Sport Horse Club, Inc
Membership New/Renewal Form
August through July, 20__ to 20__



Please complete the form and return it with your check, **payable to the Florida Sport Horse Club**,
Welcome to our club!

Name(s) _____ Single \$15.00
_____ Family \$25.00

Joining before September 30? Add a 1-year subscription to Horse & Pony for an extra \$10. Yes _____

Total paid: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Birthday: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency contact name & phone: _____

For and in consideration of the activities, services and fees paid, Participant hereby does forever and finally release, remise, acquit, satisfy and forever discharge the Florida Sport Horse Club, Inc. (FSHC) of and from all manner of action and actions, cause and causes of action, suit, debts, dues, sums of money, bonds, billings, contracts executions, claims and demands whatsoever, in law or in equity, which may arise for or against the FSHC for the activities of the Association. This document is meant to be a full and complete release from any and all liability that may arise from participating in the activities of the FSHC. The Participant gives this release freely and voluntarily.

Signed (include legal guardian if under 19 years of age) Date

Other Family Member(s) Date

Please submit this form and your membership fee to:

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